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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AC was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated August 22, 2006. A copy of the Office Action is also attached.

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